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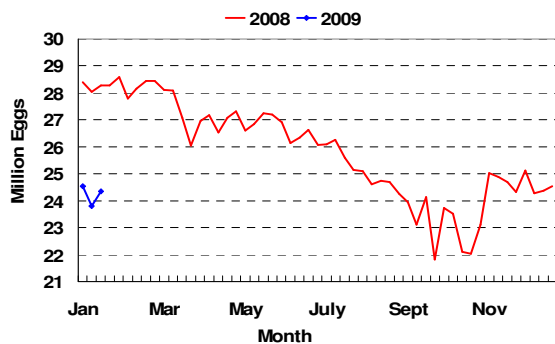
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

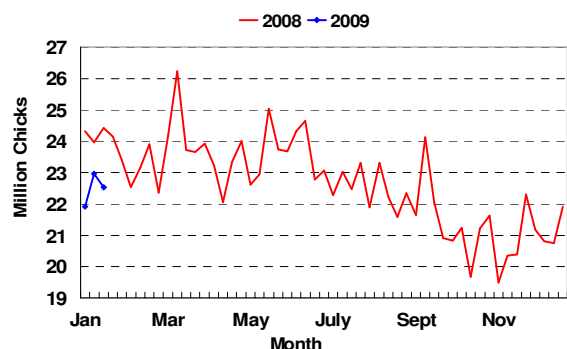
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.5 million during the week ending January 17, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 17, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 20, 2008 - January 17, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	20-Dec	27-Dec	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan	20-Dec	27-Dec	3-Jan	10-Jan	17-Jan
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,700	28,941	28,950	28,904	28,914	19,908	19,864	19,944	20,304	19,907
Arkansas	24,188	24,249 *	24,538	23,799	24,335	20,812	20,734	21,908	22,969	22,535
Delaware	3,358	3,244	3,358	3,358	3,345	4,940	4,221	4,633	4,869	4,743
Florida	1,013	1,008 *	963	963	962	1,060	1,103	978	798	763
Georgia	32,778	32,669	32,528	32,609	32,243	27,123	26,376	27,662	27,503 *	27,220
Kentucky	7,867	7,424 *	7,848	7,502	7,674	6,028	6,010	5,842	6,609	6,145
Louisiana	3,424	3,411	3,424	3,424	3,454	3,228	3,287	3,388	3,400	3,391
Maryland	8,911	8,749	8,613	8,719	8,946	5,288	5,970	5,850	6,069	6,236
Mississippi	17,194	17,372	17,491	17,401	17,362	15,501	15,463	15,583	15,472	15,594
N. Carolina	18,419	18,668 *	18,799	18,387	18,550	15,805	15,377	15,834	15,414	15,870
Oklahoma	6,765	6,696 *	6,639	6,518	6,755	5,545	5,258	4,143	3,633	3,792
Pennsylvania	4,281	3,732	3,742 *	3,935 *	3,916	3,339	3,383	3,377 *	3,214 *	2,990
S. Carolina	5,698	5,673	5,555	5,697	6,032	5,058	5,071	4,423	4,676	5,155
Texas	15,290	15,490	15,503	15,342	15,081	12,992	12,842	12,961	13,113	13,277
Virginia	5,964	5,958	5,969	5,849	5,880	4,952	4,515	4,660	4,476	4,235
CA,MO,TN & WW	19,555	19,166	19,089 *	19,243 *	19,796	16,609	16,817	17,514	15,728 *	15,455
19 State Total	203,405	202,450 *	203,009 *	201,650 *	203,245	168,188	166,291	168,700 *	168,247 *	167,308
Prev. Year Total	218,612	218,815	217,209	215,444	216,467	179,381	175,417	177,800	178,512	178,783
% of Prev. Year	93	93	93	94	94	94	95	95	94	94

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 17, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 17, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through January 17, 2009 were 504 million, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.